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EDITORIALS

FEDERAL CHILDREN'S BUREAU PLAN OF MATERNITY AND INFANT CARE FOR WIVES AND INFANTS OF MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

California Medical Association Members Should Appreciate the Important Issues Involved.—War time is not a period favorable to expression of opinion that may be in opposition to pronouncements by governmental bureaus, since the publicity departments or spokesmen of agencies involved can always raise the cry, "Nothing must be done to impede all-out effort to win the war."

With that slogan all are in agreement, but it does not follow that those who use it are necessarily in the right when they resort to it in order to defend methods of action for which they are the special proponents. Particularly so when, if the objectives be acceptable, the slogan is used to discourage legitimate criticism of certain governmental methods of procedure.

The above statement is made because the position taken by the California Medical Association, in refusing to approve a schedule of fees for professional services to be rendered to pregnant wives of enlisted men, is quite apt to be misunderstood and misinterpreted, although the Association is in full accord with the desired objectives.

It is important that members of the California Medical Association promptly familiarize themselves with the facts relating to professional care of wives of enlisted men. Every member who may be consulted or called on to do obstetric or pediatric work for the group of prospective patients mentioned should take the time to at least scan the information contained in the comments which appeared in the June issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, on pages 314-317, at which time the Children's Bureau plan was brought to the official attention of the medical profession in California.

After the comments in the June number of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE have been read, understanding consideration may then be given to the official and other actions that have been taken since the editorial was written.

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Additional Information in Current Issue.—The story of subsequent official communications and correspondence appears in this issue under the department of the "Committee on Participation of the Medical Profession in the War Effort." (See page 79.)

As has been stated previously, the issues involved are of paramount importance to present and future medical practice and standards.

The California Medical Association through its constituted authorities, has deemed it to be to the best interests of all concerned not to accept a mandatory fee bill for certain professional services as emanating or promulgated from the Children's Bureau in Washington, D. C.

To make its point of view a matter of record, and for the further information of members of the California Medical Association, the correspondence referred to below is given space in this issue.

The eighteen items referred to are listed as follows:

Item I.—Letter of May 24, 1943: (Letter to Los Angeles Subcommittee Concerning California Fee Schedules.)

Item II.—Letter of June 1, 1943: (Letter to A. M. A. Secretary West Regarding Obstetric Fee Schedules.)

Item III.—Letter of June 3, 1943: (Letter from A. M. A. Secretary West Regarding Their Files on Obstetric Fee Schedules.)

Item IV.—Letter of June 23, 1943: (Letter from Public Health Director Halverson Concerning Proposed Obstetric Plan.)

Item V.—Letter of June 25, 1943: (Letter from Council Chairman Gilman Requesting Information from State Board.)

Item VI.—Resolution of June 20, 1943: (Resolution of C. M. A. Council, adopted at its meeting in San Francisco on June 20, 1943.)

Item VII.—Resolution of June 8, 1943: (Resolution of A. M. A. House of Delegates, adopted in Chicago on June 8, 1943.)

Item VIII.—Resolution of May 30, 1943: (Resolution of Pacific States Medical Executives' Conference, adopted at its meeting in Portland, Oregon, on May 30, 1943.)

Item IX.—Letter of June 30, 1943: (Letter from Dr. Daily of Federal Children's Bureau to State Health Director Halverson.)

Item X.—Letter of July 1, 1943: (Letter of Council Chairman Gilman to State Health Director Halverson Concerning Point of View Held by California Medical Association.)

Item XI.—Letter of July 1, 1943: (Letter to Members of Component County Medical Societies Concerning Procedure Available for C. M. A. Members in Relation to Obstetric Work.)

Item XII.—Letter of June 29, 1943: (Letter from A. M. A. Secretary West Concerning Obstetric Files.)

Item XIII.—Letter of July 8, 1943: (Letter to Dr. Daily of Federal Children's Bureau from C. M. A. Secretary Requesting Information Concerning Fee Schedules.)

Item XIV.—Letter of July 6, 1943: (Letter from Indiana State Medical Association Requesting Copies of C. M. A. Council Letters to County Medical Societies.)

Item XV.—Letter of June 17, 1943: Letter from Michigan State Medical Society containing memoranda for members of the Michigan State Medical Society.

Item XVI.—List of California Senators and Congressmen, with addresses. (Note: County societies and California Medical Association members may wish to write to their Senators and local Congressmen. See suggestion at end of letter of Ohio State Medical Association, as appearing under Item XVIII.)

Item XVII.—Table showing births in California: (a) all births; (b) births, wives of enlisted men.

Item XVIII.—Letter of July 17, 1943: (Informative comment and letter to members of the Ohio State Medical Association.)

Items Should Be Scanned and Letter to County Societies Should Be Read.—It is to be hoped that members of the Association will take the time to at least scan the above items, and also to read in full the letter addressed to the component county medical societies, in which the attitude of the California Medical Association is outlined by the Council, and the lines of action for California Medical Association members are indicated.

Letters received from the Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio State Medical Associations reveal the interest which other constituent state medical associations have in the principles at stake. (See Items XIV, XV, and XVIII.) It will be interesting to watch the course of future events in the Children's Bureau plan.

In the meantime, county medical societies of California, and California Medical Association members also, may wish to write to the Senators and to their district Congressmen (list of California Senators and Congressmen appears under Item XVI.) The letter of the Ohio State Medical Association contains excellent suggestions (see Item XVIII). The issues involved indicate the importance of prompt action.

NEW PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE TO APPLY TO PHYSICIANS UNDER AGE OF FORTY-FIVE

Important Directive of June 7, 1943, from Directing Board of Procurement and Assignment Service of Office of Emergency Management of War Manpower Commission.—A directive addressed to the State chairman for physicians in States with unfilled quotas of medical officers appears in full in this issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE. (See page 78.) California stands third in such a list of nineteen states, having an unfilled quota as of May 15, 1943; the request being made that an additional 535 California physicians be made available for induction into the armed forces in the year 1943.

In its beginning paragraphs, the directive states: . . . Recruitment methods which have been used in the past have not produced the number of physicians who can be spared from the civilian population for service as medical officers nor have they produced the number urgently needed by the armed forces.

In view of these facts, a new recruitment procedure has been agreed upon by the Procurement and Assignment Service and the Army and Navy which will supplement the methods now being used by this service. . . .

Then follow instructions to Procurement officers:

To list by name and address all physicians under forty-five years of age . . . *who are available, or who can be declared available.*

Later, this statement appears:

At regular intervals the Army and the Navy will return to you the names of men who have not accepted commissions. You will submit these names to the State Director of Selective Service, asking that consideration be